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Filed: June 21, 2006

For: **BLASTING METHOD BY CONTROLLING
OXYGEN SUPPLY (AS AMENDED)**

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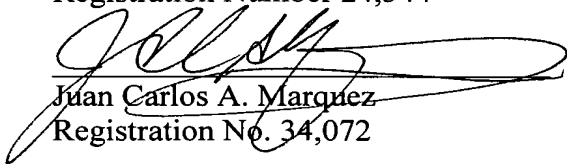
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated May 29, 2008 in the above identified application, the shortened statutory period for response of which is set to expire on August 29, 2008. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: